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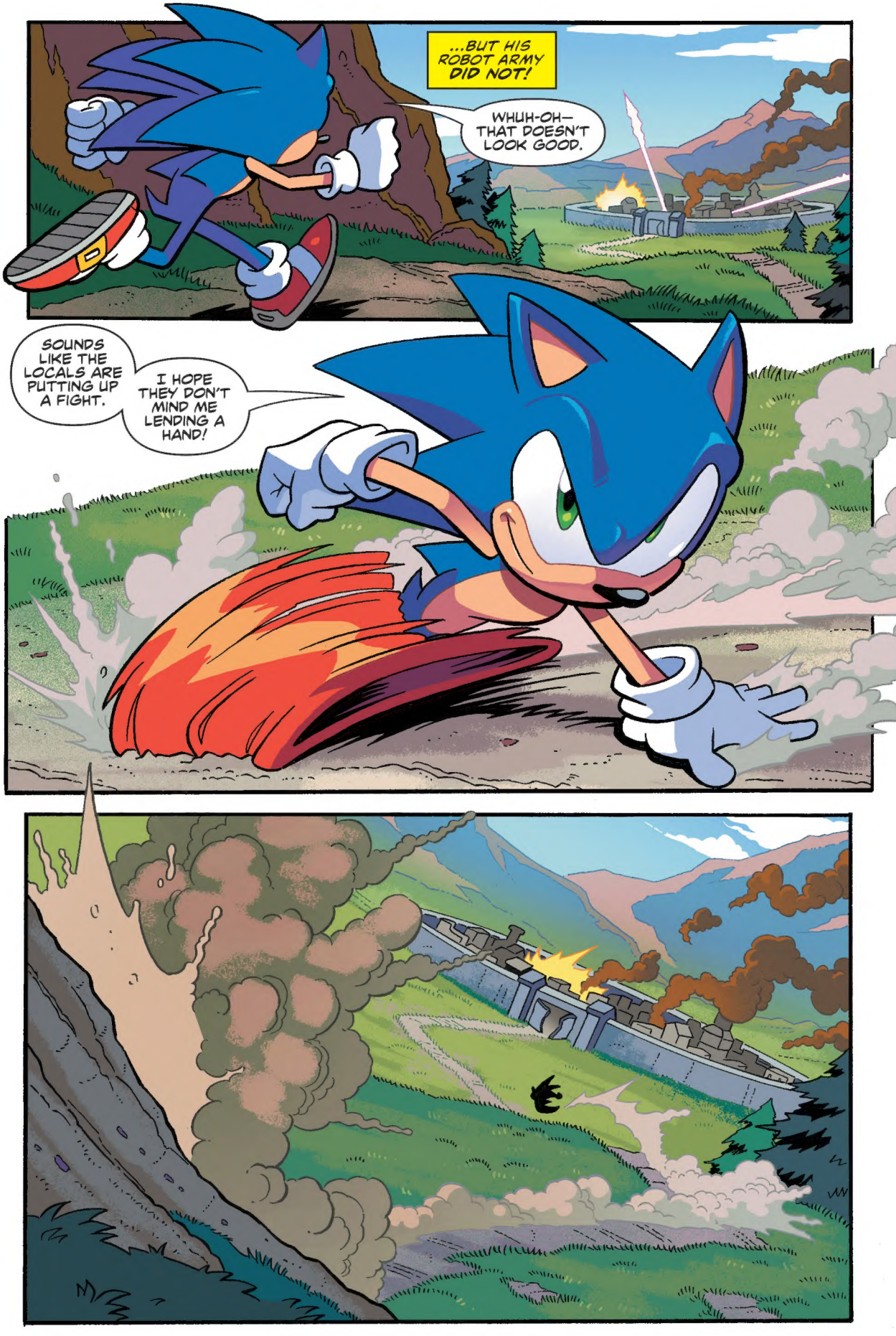
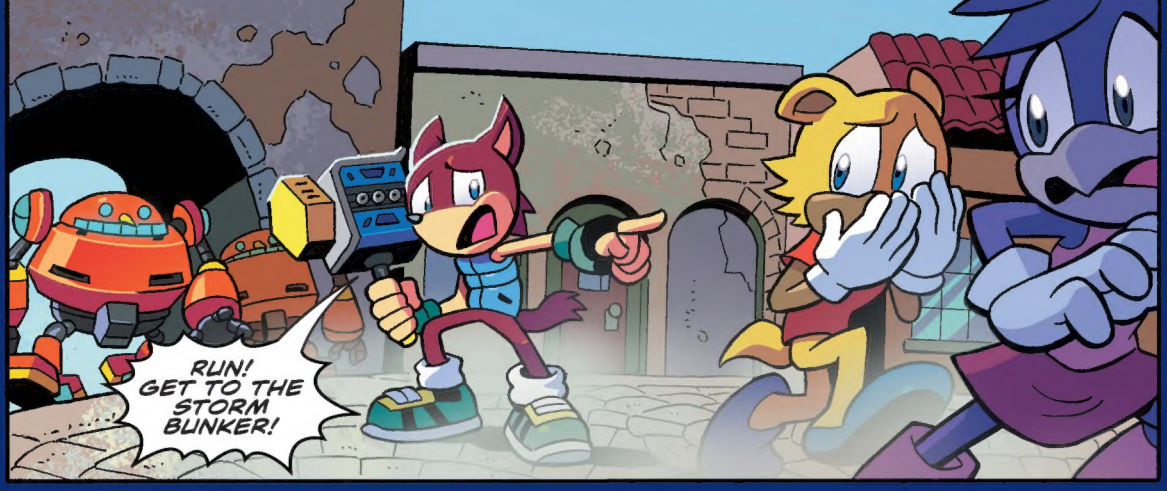
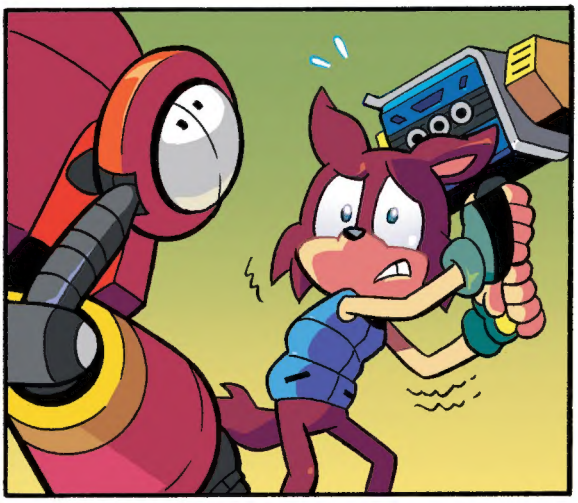
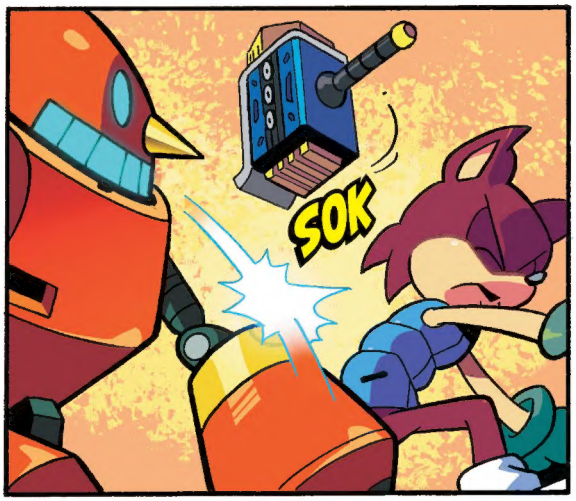
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS SPENT YEARS FIGHTING THE FORCES OF DR. EGGMAN.
TIME AND AGAIN THE MAD DOCTOR ATTACKS, SONIC STRIKES BACK, THEN RELAXES UNTIL EGGMAN RETURNS.
BUT AFTER THEIR LAST BATTLE...
...DR. EGGMAN VANISHED...


...BUT HIS ROBOT ARMY DID NOT!
WHUH-OH— THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
SOUNDS LIKE THE LOCALS ARE PUTTING UP A FIGHT.
I HOPE THEY DON'T MIND ME LENDING A HAND!


RUN! GET TO THE STORM BUNKER!

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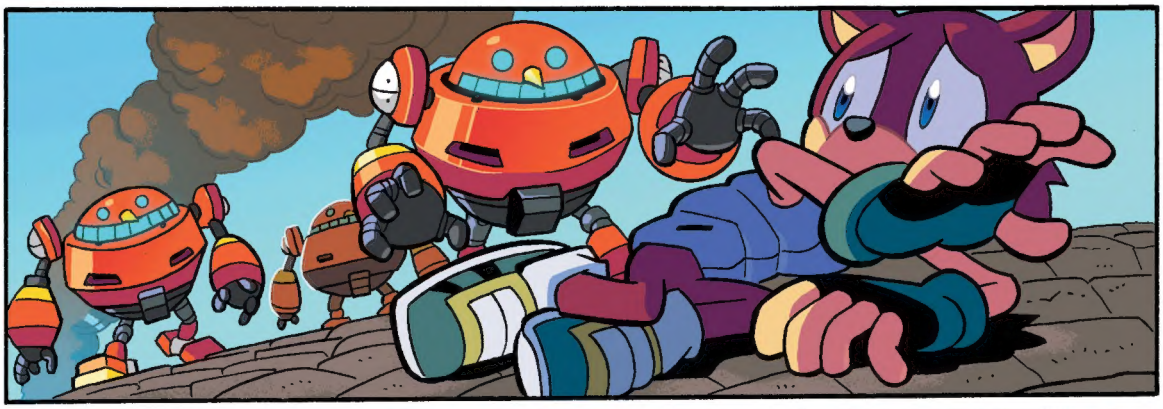
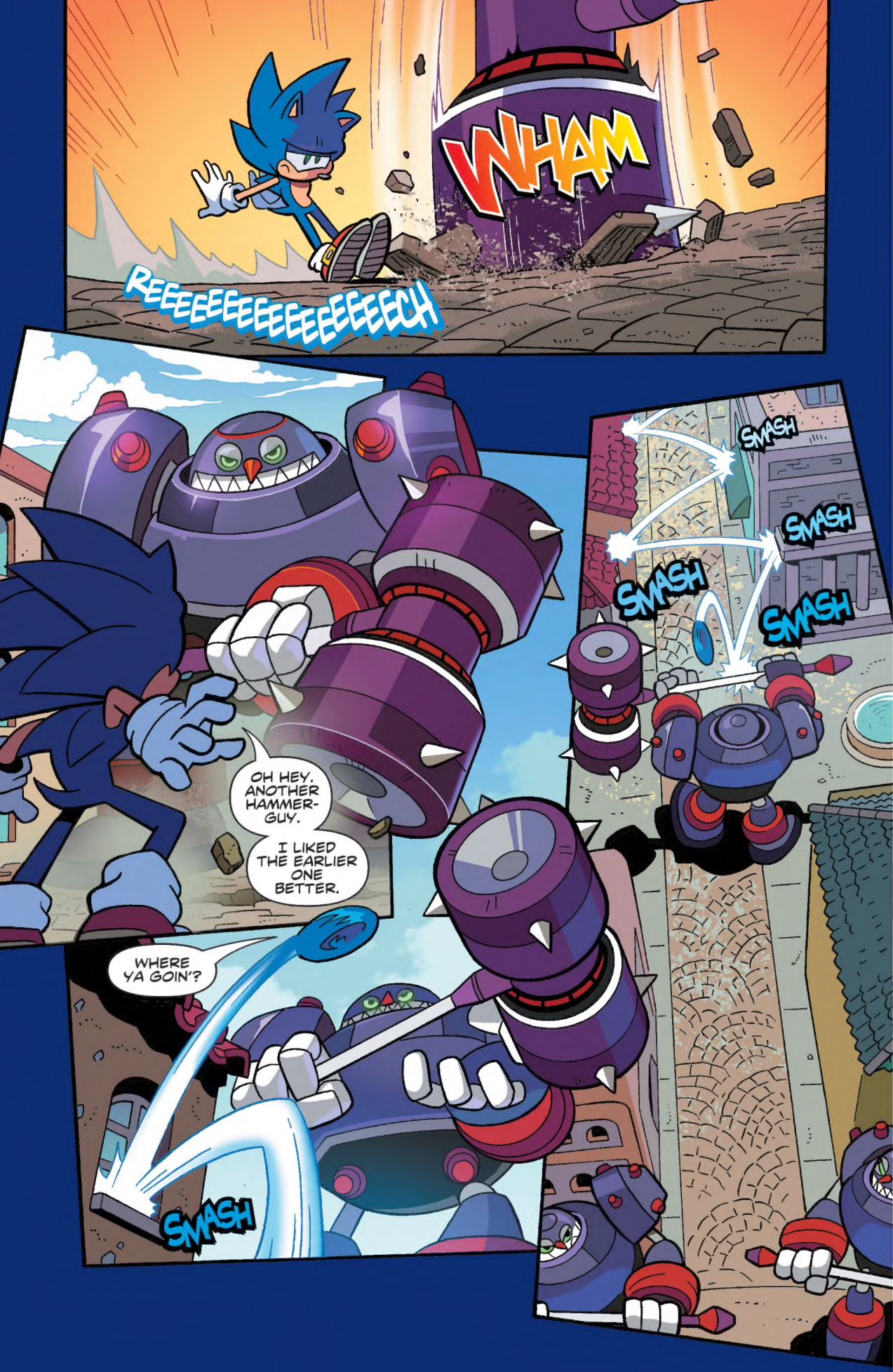


SMASH
SMASH

HEY! YOU HURT?
N-NOT REALLY. YOU'RE... YOU'RE SONIC!
THE ONE AND ONLY.
HERE YOU GO. TRY SWINGING IT AT THE ROBOTS NEXT TIME. I KNEW SOMEBODY WHO PUT IT TO GOOD USE.
YOU'RE... THE SONIC!
MAYBE GET INSIDE, BUDDY. NICE CHAT! NEED TO SAVE YOUR TOWN. BYE!
O-OKAY!
SWEET! THE TOWN MILITIA!
BOTS COMING IN FROM THE NORTH! YOU'VE GOT A GUY HOLDING HIS OWN OUT THERE!
O-OKAY! WE'RE ON IT!

HURRY UP! THEY'RE CLOSING IN!
I'M TRYING! IT'S STUCK!
WHOOSH
FASSSH
...ALL THIS TERROR MIGHT BE WORTH IT IF I GET TO SAY SONIC WINKED AT ME!
I HOPE WE SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH!


WHAM
REEEEEEEEEEEEEEEECH
OH HEY. ANOTHER HAMMER-GUY.
I LIKED THE EARLIER ONE BETTER.
WHERE YA GOIN'?
SMASH
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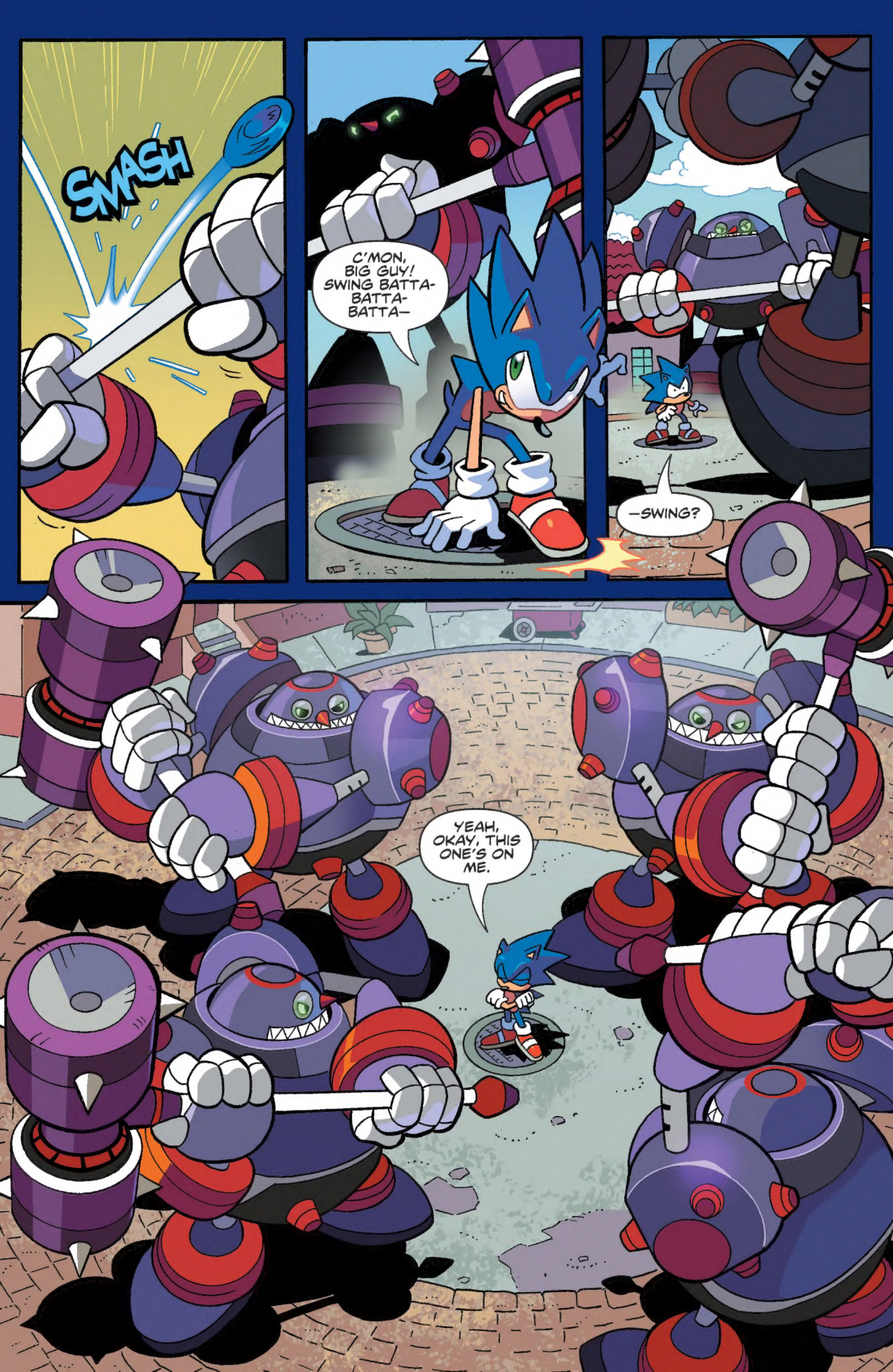
SMASH
SMASH
SMASH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C'MON, BIG GUY! SWING BATTA-BATTA-BATTA—
—SWING?
YEAH, OKAY, THIS ONE'S ON ME.

WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
"HEDGEHOG." NOUN. A BURROWING ANIMAL.
WHOA! YOU GUYS CAN REALLY MOVE WHEN YOU WANT TO!

TAILS!
COULD YOU NOT RISK YOUR LIFE FOR FIVE MINUTES?
SURE, BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?
SERIOUSLY THOUGH, THANKS FOR THE SAVE.
MY PLEASURE!
WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE TOWN?
A BUNCH OF SMALL-FRY BADNIKS. I TOOK CARE OF MOST OF THEM, AND THE TOWN'S MILITIA CAN HANDLE THE REST.
THOSE SUPER BADNIKS ARE ANOTHER STORY.
THOSE ARE BETTER LEFT TO THE PROFESSIONALS!
LET'S SHOW 'EM HOW IT'S DONE!

SMASH
SMASH
FASSSH
K-ZOTTT

SMASH

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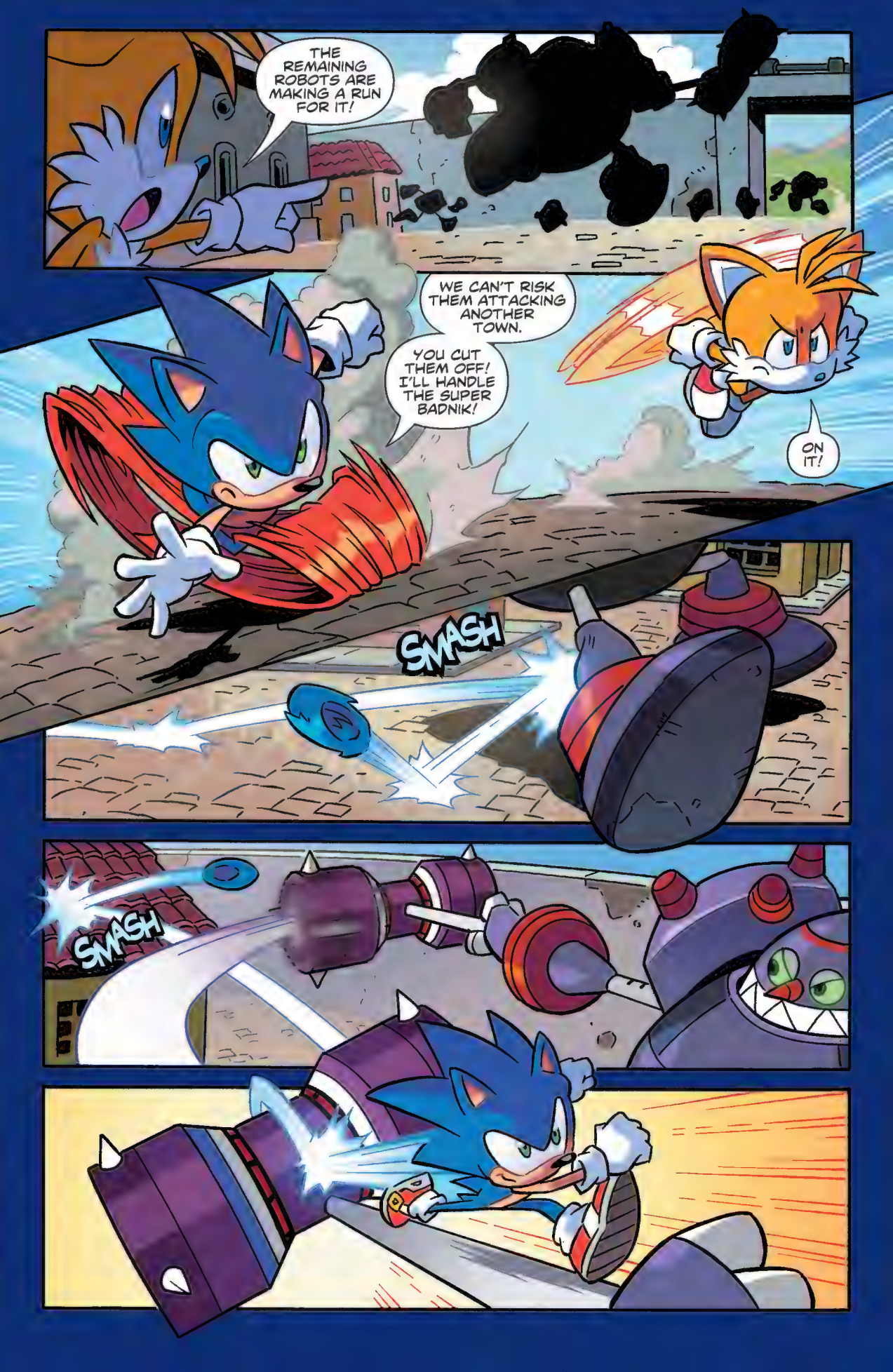
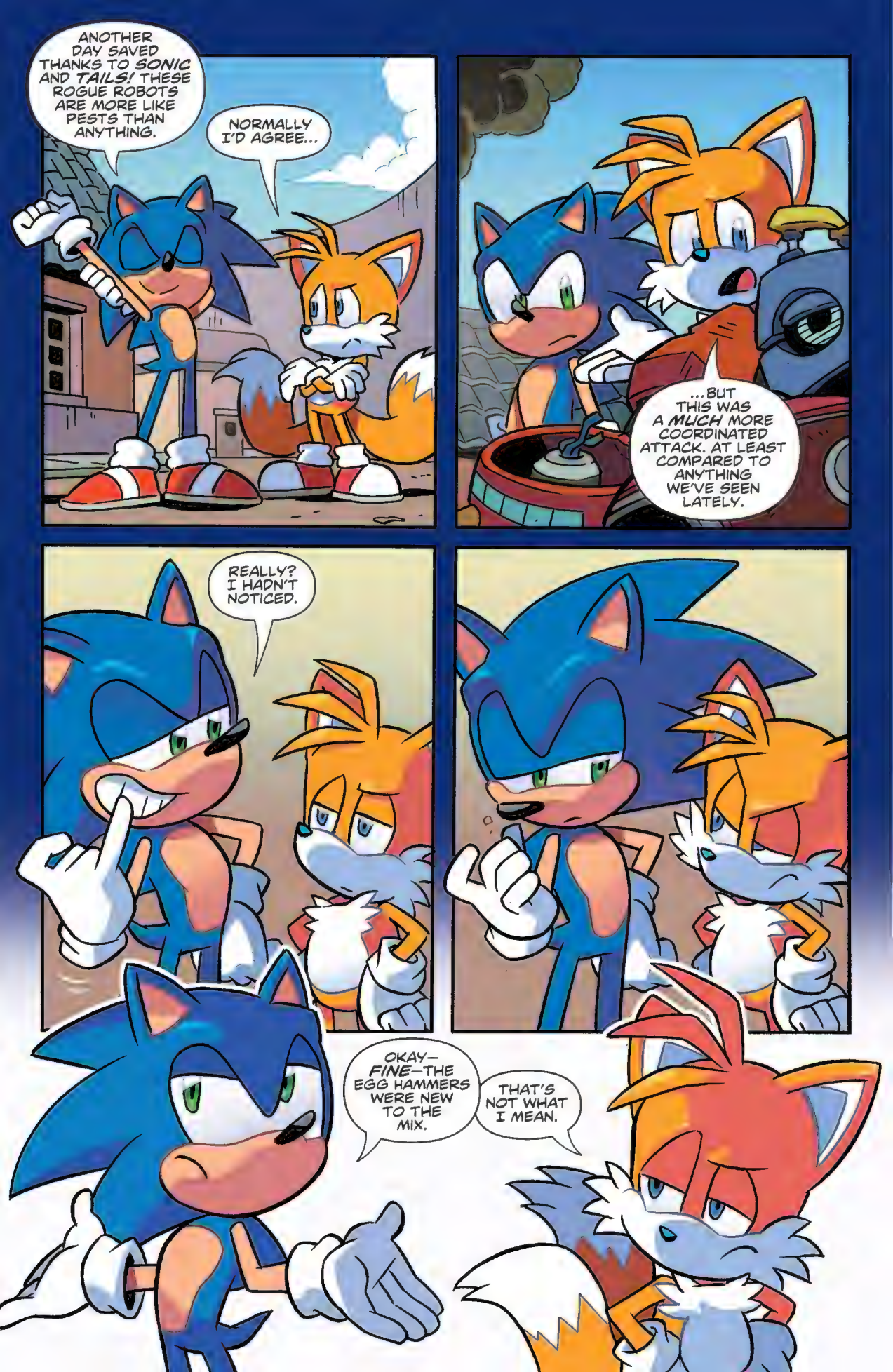
SMASH
THIS WOULD BE GOING A LOT FASTER IF WE HAD KNUCKLES WITH US.
NAAAAH, WE'RE DOING FINE!

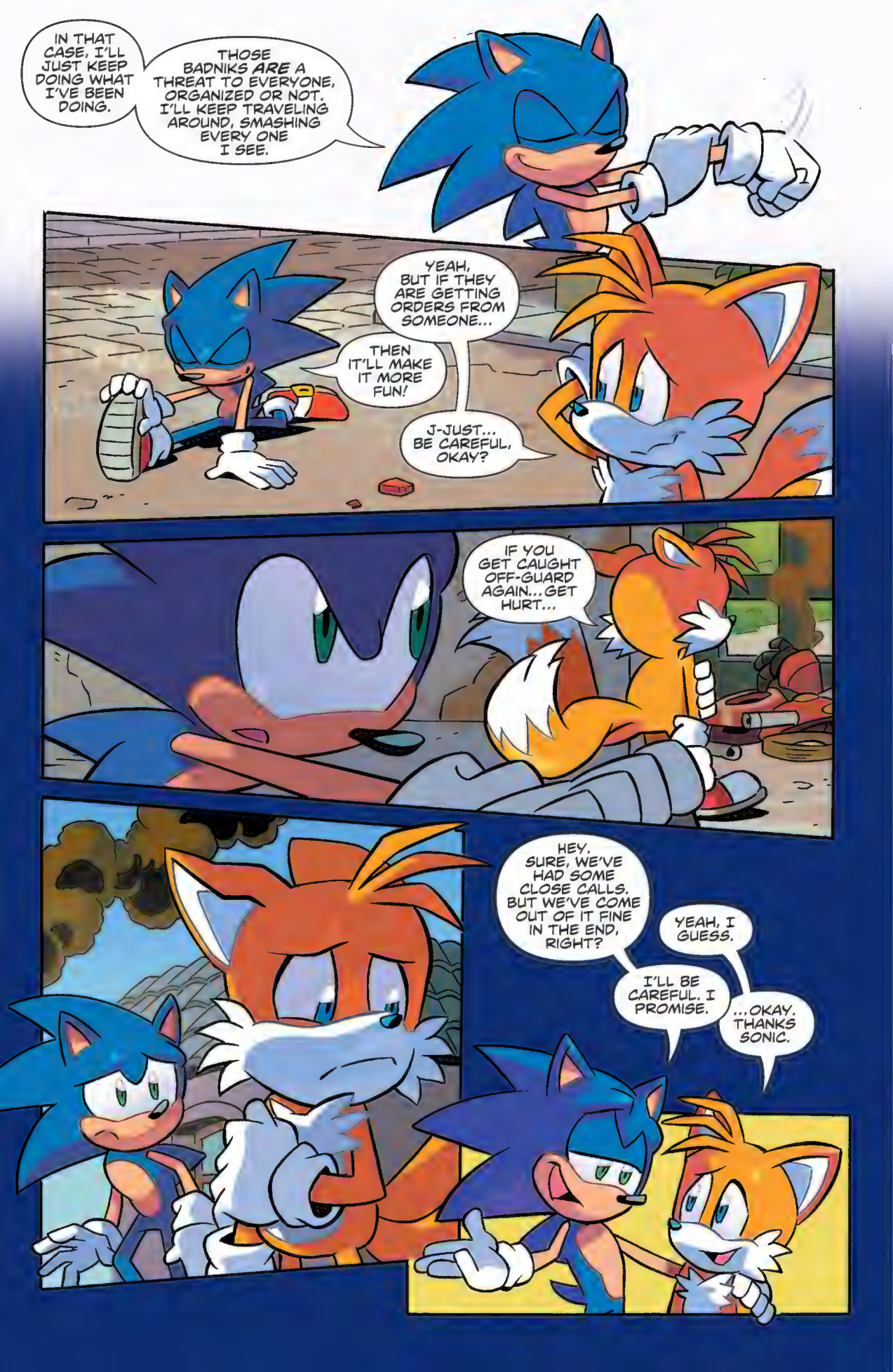

THE REMAINING ROBOTS ARE MAKING A RUN FOR IT!
WE CAN'T RISK THEM ATTACKING ANOTHER TOWN.
YOU CUT THEM OFF! I'LL HANDLE THE SUPER BADNIK!
ON IT!
SMASH
SMASH

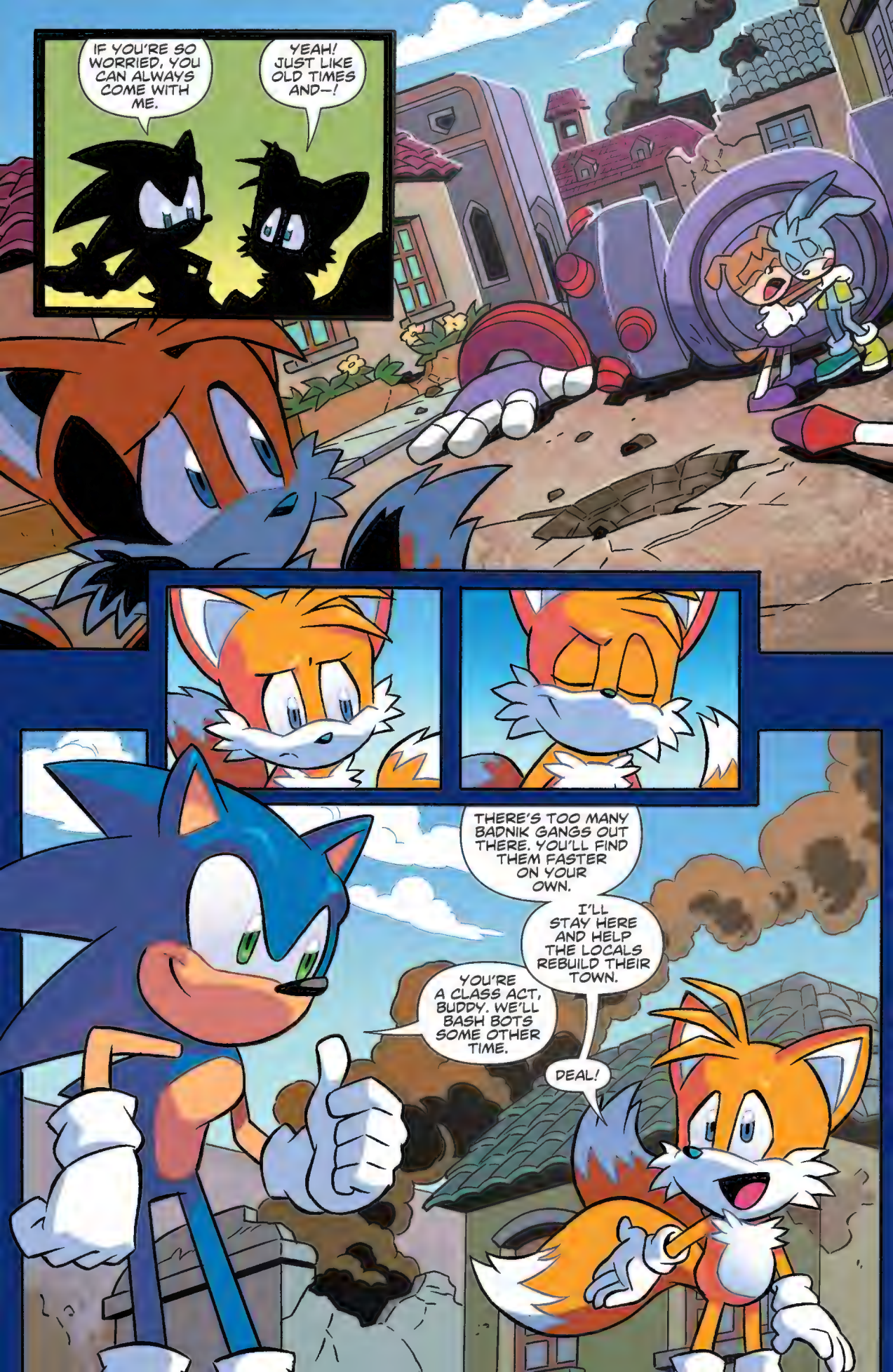
SMASH
THEY'RE ALMOST OUT! C'MON, TAILS! HURRY UP!
OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH...

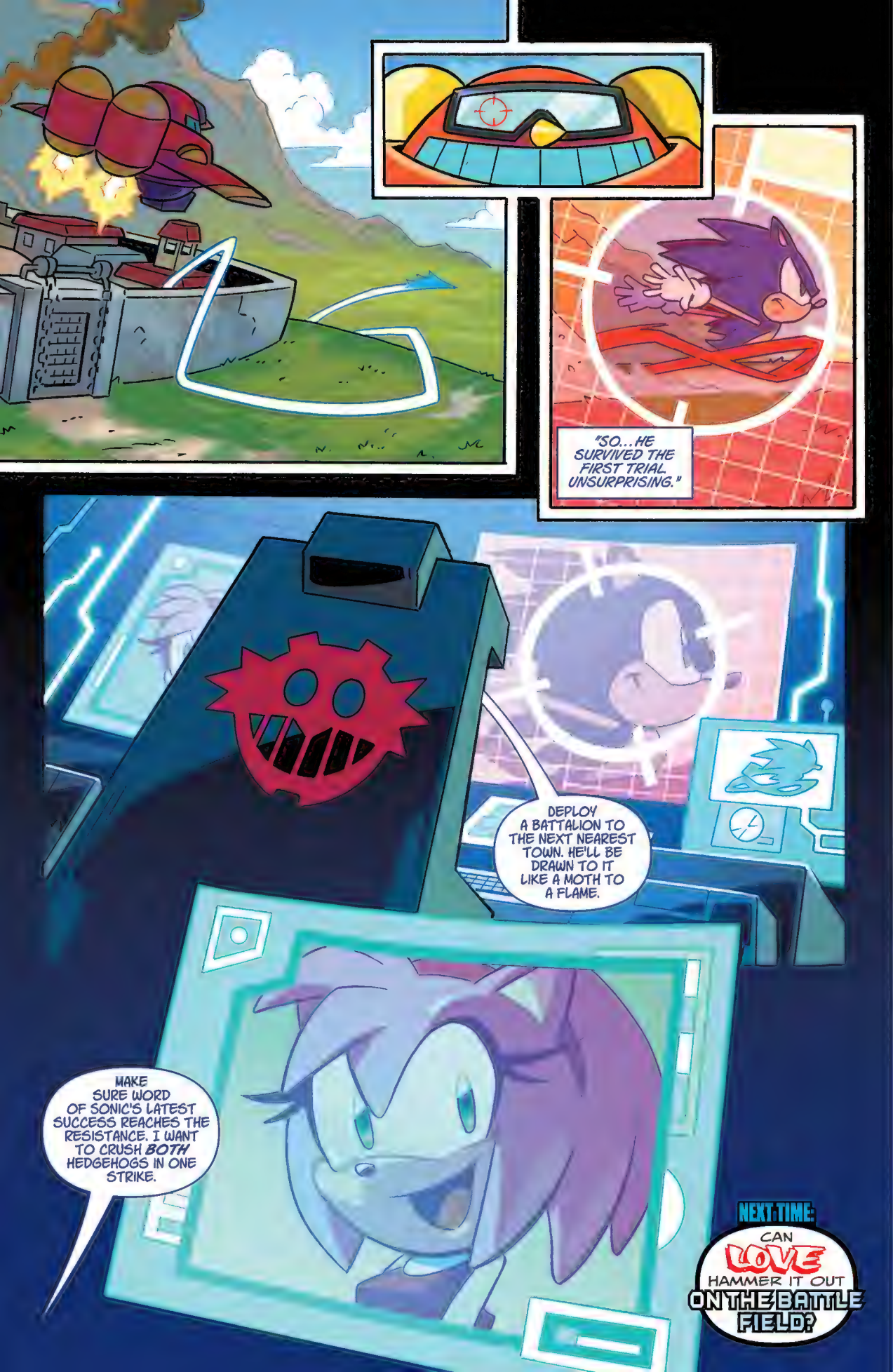
WELL?
EXPERTLY DONE. BONUS POINTS FOR DRAMATIC TIMING.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU.


ANOTHER DAY SAVED THANKS TO SONIC AND TAILS! THESE ROGUE ROBOTS ARE MORE LIKE PESTS THAN ANYTHING.
NORMALLY I'D AGREE...
...BUT THIS WAS A MUCH MORE COORDINATED ATTACK. AT LEAST COMPARED TO ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN LATELY.
REALLY? I HADN'T NOTICED.
OKAY—FINE—THE EGG HAMMERS WERE NEW TO THE MIX.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

AFTER WE BEAT DR. EGGMAN AND HIS FORCES, WE BROKE THE EGGMAN EMPIRE'S CONTROL OVER OUR WORLD.
"THE BADNIK ARMY REMAINED, BUT NOT AS A UNIFIED THREAT. ANY ATTACKS SEEMED MORE LIKE ACCIDENTS THAN AGGRESSION."
BUT TODAY— UNIFIED TROOP MOVEMENTS? SUPER BADNIKS BEING DEPLOYED? SETTING UP AMBUSHES?
SOMETHING IS MAKING EGGMAN'S ARMY MORE COHESIVE.
POINTS TAKEN. DO YOU THINK EGGMAN IS BACK?
WITHOUT SO MUCH AS AN ANGRY VLOG? NO WAY. AFTER THAT LAST DEFEAT, HE'D MAKE SURE WE KNEW HE WAS BACK.
THE LACK OF FANFARE IS SPOOKY.


IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST KEEP DOING WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING.
THOSE BADNIKS ARE A THREAT TO EVERYONE, ORGANIZED OR NOT. I'LL KEEP TRAVELING AROUND, SMASHING EVERY ONE I SEE.
YEAH, BUT IF THEY ARE GETTING ORDERS FROM SOMEONE...
THEN IT'LL MAKE IT MORE FUN!
J-JUST... BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
IF YOU GET CAUGHT OFF-GUARD AGAIN...GET HURT...
HEY. SURE, WE'VE HAD SOME CLOSE CALLS. BUT WE'VE COME OUT OF IT FINE IN THE END, RIGHT?
YEAH, I GUESS.
I'LL BE CAREFUL. I PROMISE.
...OKAY. THANKS SONIC.


IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME WITH ME.
YEAH! JUST LIKE OLD TIMES AND—!
THERE'S TOO MANY BADNIK GANGS OUT THERE. YOU'LL FIND THEM FASTER ON YOUR OWN.
I'LL STAY HERE AND HELP THE LOCALS REBUILD THEIR TOWN.
YOU'RE A CLASS ACT, BUDDY. WE'LL BASH BOTS SOME OTHER TIME.
DEAL!


"SO...HE SURVIVED THE FIRST TRIAL. UNSURPRISING."
DEPLOY A BATTALION TO THE NEXT NEAREST TOWN. HE'LL BE DRAWN TO IT LIKE A MOTH TO A FLAME.
MAKE SURE WORD OF SONIC'S LATEST SUCCESS REACHES THE RESISTANCE. I WANT TO CRUSH BOTH HEDGEHOGS IN ONE STRIKE.
NEXT TIME:
CAN LOVE HAMMER IT OUT ON THE BATTLE FIELD?

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello to all the Sonic fans new and old and welcome to the first issue of *Sonic the Hedgehog* from IDW Publishing! It's a monumental issue as your favorite blue blur and his best buddy Tails race into a new adventure... with the ever-capable and ever-lovable Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Jim Amash, Bob Smith, Matt Herms, and Corey Breen bringing you our stellar first issue.

But enough talk! Let's get to what you came here for. We asked and you delivered, so here are some fan letters and the first batch of fan art!

My boyfriend and I have been huge fans of Sonic since we were young! We collaborate on artwork often and this is one of our proudest creations, and would love to see it in print. Can't wait to buy and read the comics!

Lourdes M.

Hi,

Looking forward to the new series. I've attached a piece of fan art I've done. Peace!

Billy Kurtz

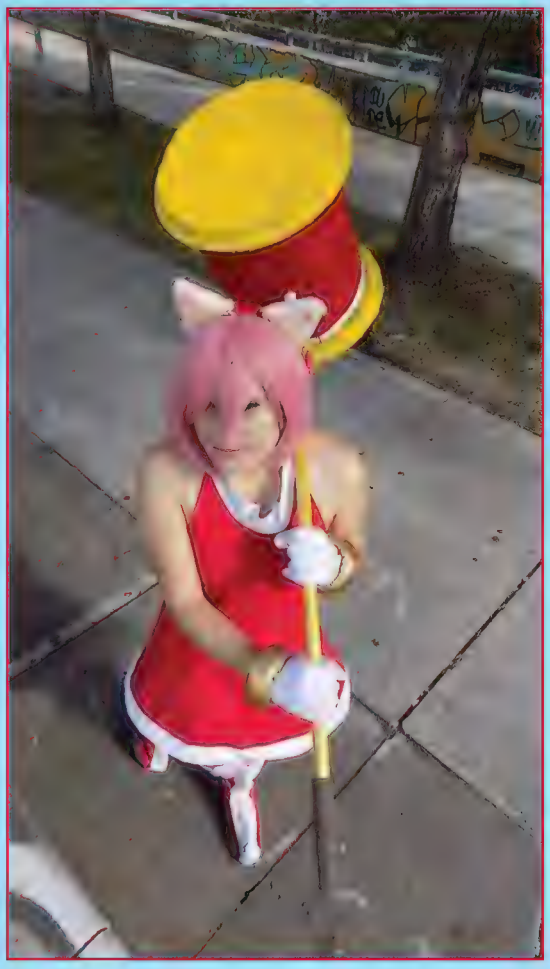
This one's extra special as Billy's piece is the first one to arrive when the call went out on the IDW Sonic Comic Squad Facebook group!

Good evening, guys!

I'm Rena Rose, I'm a cosplayer from Argentina! I belong to Sonic Team Argentina, one of the most important Argentinian pages rewarding Sonic news and content. Cosplaying Sonic characters is super FUN! I hope to cosplay more characters! I learned to sew 5 years ago to make my own costumes and I've won many cosplay

competitions in Argentina. My favorite character to cosplay is Amy Rose. She's so cool! <3 I submited photos for publication. I'm looking forward to reading the new Sonic comics! Thank you for your time.

Best Wishes,
Rena Rose

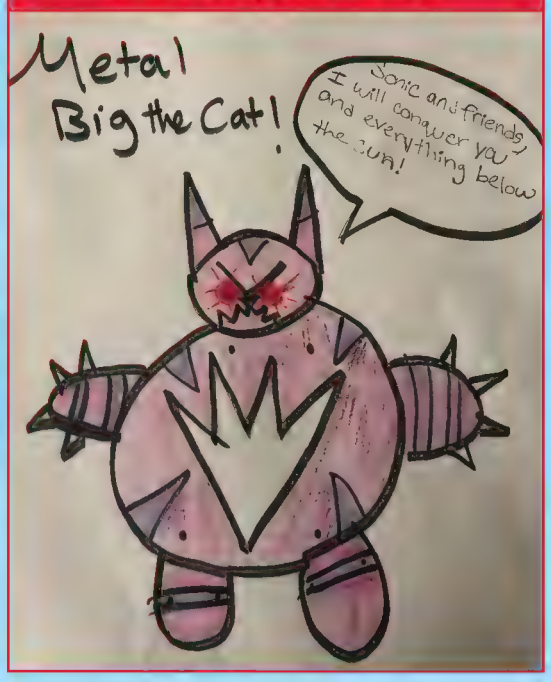


And Rena was the first cosplayer to send in some pictures!

If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, or letters to show up in this very space, send them to letters@idwpublishing.com, include your name, and mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" Also, don't forget to join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad Facebook Group to see even more amazing art and keep up-to-date with all the latest info on your favorite comic! We'll see you back here with more letters and more fan art… NEXT WEEK?!? WHAT?!?

-**Joe Hughes** and **David Mariotte**

Top: Art by Chase Connolly.
Bottom: Art by Abel Muniz, Jr.



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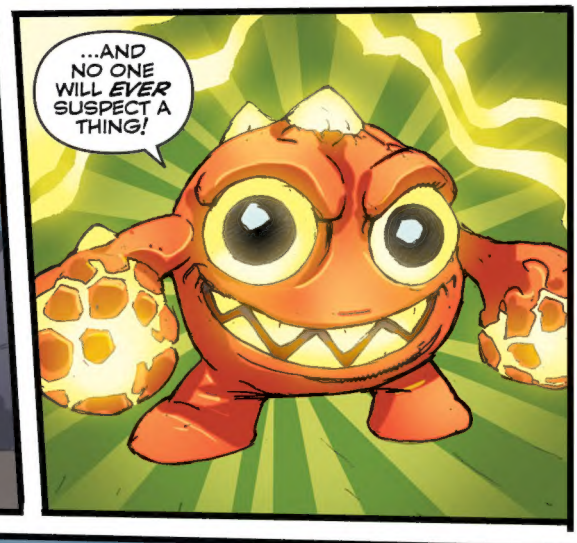
HEY, GET DOWN FROM THERE, YOU COULD FALL!
NO, DON'T TOUCH THAT EITHER!
HOO BOY, I COULD USE SOME ME TIME.
YOU KNOW, IT'S STILL GOING TO BE A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE WE REACH SKYLANDER ACADEMY...
...AND HONESTLY, THE OL' FLYNNSTER IS A MITE PECKISH.
SO I CAN STEER NOW?
HOW 'BOUT NOW?
OY.

YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.
YOU GUYS STEER, JUST KEEP US POINTED STRAIGHT FOR A FEW MINUTES.
I'LL NIP DOWN TO THE DREADYACHT'S GALLEY AND GET A LITTLE SNACKEROO.
I'M THINKING... ENCHILADA.
A LOT OF ENCHILADA.
WEERUPTOR? SORRY, LITTLE GUY, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN HERE. HOPEFULLY YOU DIDN'T EAT MY ENCHILADA.
WHAT'S TAKING THIS SPELL SO LONG?
OH, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU MEAN. IN SCHOOL, I WAS TERRIBLE AT SPELLING.
I SAID "SPELL," YOU IDIOT!
YAAA!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR FACE? YOU LOOK JUST LIKE...
...KAOS?!

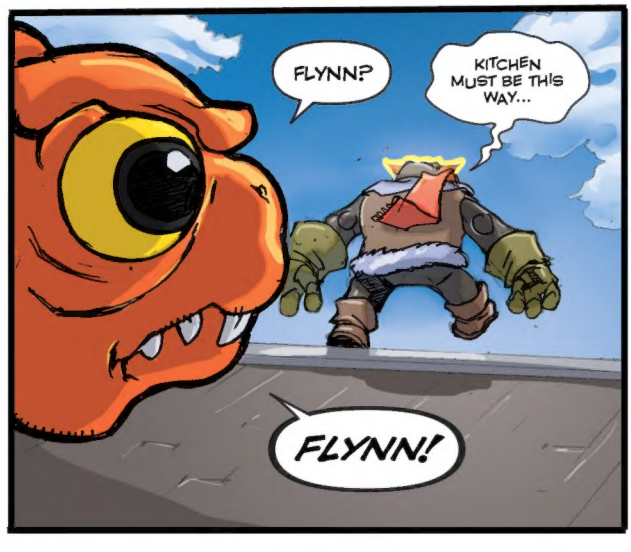
I'VE GOTTA WARN SKYLANDER ACADEMY!
YOU'RE NOT WARNING ANYBODY!
MY PLAN TO RUIN SKYLANDER ACADEMY IS FOOLPROOF, SO IT WON'T BE STOPPED BY A FOOL LIKE YOU, FLYNN!
SKRAK
BUT ALL I WANTED WAS AN ENCHILADA!
SPLANG
ZORK!
MY AMNESIA SPELL WILL MAKE YOU FORGET YOU EVER SAW ME.
SNEAKING INTO SKYLANDER ACADEMY DISGUISED AS A NEW STUDENT WILL REVEAL ALL YOUR SECRETS TO ME!
OOBA...
...OOBA DOOBA.

WUBBA DUBBA.
I'LL DESTROY THE SKYLANDERS FROM WITHIN...


...AND NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT A THING!

ENCHILADA.
GOTTA GOTTA GET AN ENCHILADA.

MY TURN TO STEER!
ENCHILADA?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KITCHEN MUST BE THIS WAY...
FLYNN!

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